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IN RE APPLICATION OF Hansen Jr. et al.)

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TITLE : 2-AMINO-2-ALKYL-3-HEXENOIC AND HEXYNOIC ACID
DERIVATIVES USEFUL AS NITRIC OXIDE SYNTHASE INHIBITORS

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AMENDMENT A

Sir:

The Official letter mailed March 27, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for reply of 3 months, set to expire June 27, 2002 has been received, and in response thereto the following Amendment A is submitted. An extension of time to reply up to and including three months is requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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